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Response To Office Action and Amendment

Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of July 6, 2001, ("Office Action") please amend the specification and claims as set forth below and enter the following remarks. The courtesy of the Examiner in conducting an interview on January 22, 2002 with Dr. Paul Nicolson, one of the inventors, Rob Gorman, Esq, one of the Ciba Vision patent attorneys and the undersigned is acknowledged with appreciation. During the interview, the representatives of the Applicants presented differences between the presently claimed invention and the references relied upon by the Examiner in the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection. In particular, the Applicants described why the disclosures in the references related to "surface treatment" do not provide sufficient motivation to one of ordinary